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Closing the Chapter



During pre-game before the home opener vs. NAU, up on the 4th level of the Arizona Stadium skyboxes, a brief ceremony was held to honor Dave Sitton and his involvement with the UA athletics department. The main broadcast booth up on the media level is now, and will forever be named in Dave's honor. It's a well deserved recognition for a good friend, both of the community, and me.

Opening a new Chapter



And by way of a final reminder, this

Thursday, September 5th at 5:30, I'll be hosting both Dr. Lee Lambert and Dr. HT Sanchez at the Ward 6 office for a community meet/greet. Lee's the newly hired Chancellor for Pima Community College. HT is the newly hired Superintendent for TUSD. We will not thrive as a community without supporting our education system. As the new leaders for two of the more significant parts of that system, I wanted to host this event as a way of giving you the opportunity for some up close and personal time with the men.

I hope you'll carve out some time to join us in welcoming these guys to Ward 6, and to Tucson and the surrounding region in general.

Film Industry / Update on Local Movie Making

If you follow this newsletter much at all, you'll recognize that I'm a huge advocate



Important Phone Numbers

Tucson Police Department

911 or 791-4444 nonemergency

Mayor & Council Comment Line

791-4700

Neighborhood Resources

791-4605

Park Wise 791-5071

Water Issues

791-3242

Pima County Animal Control

243-5900

Street Maintenance 791-3154

Planning and Development Services 791-5550

Southwest Gas

889-1888

Gas Emergency/ Gas Leaks

889-1888

West Nile Virus

Hotline

243-7999

Environment

Service

791-3171

Graffiti Removal

792-2489

AZ Game & Fish

628-5376

Continued: A Message From Steve

for the State adopting a set of incentives by which we can lure into the region film producers. In the most recent legislative session, the State again failed to adopt an incentive package. Because Arizona is the only western State that doesn't offer incentives to film makers, we're fly-over country for film producers.

I've shared previously that a group of us is trying to put together a package of incentives that we can offer on a local/regional basis. We're close to having a tool-kit of those ready to roll out to prospects. Most likely, prospects would include television advertising and episodic shows. But films are still very much in the mix.

To demonstrate how real this idea can be, early this year an L.A. producer came here and did a 20 day shoot. Their show, *Hot Bath and a Stiff Drink* is now done, and in recognition of our region, they came back and did the screening for the picture at The Fox. Getting them here was largely the result of work by both Shelli Hall from the Tucson Film Office of VisitTucson, and Pete Manglesdorf – he runs Old Tucson. Both Shelli and Pete are a part of the team working on the local incentives.

During the 20 day shoot, *Hot Bath* left over \$1.5M in our local economy. They rented cars, booked over 1,200 room nights, ate at our restaurants, hired actors and actresses, plus extras, and bought supplies and materials at our local businesses for things such as building sets, set dressing and the like. And they did all of that even without our having a package of incentives we could offer. Pete was very generous out at Old Tucson. That was the lure.

We're losing this clean industry to New Mexico and to Texas because we can't yet compete with the deals those States can offer. And yet, the producers of *Hot Bath* saw our area and decided to take a chance with us. Numerous other film producers show interest in Tucson and Pima County, but they go to where they can maximize their profits during the shoots – and incentives play a role in that calculation. During FY'13, film and commercial activities that were recruited (in part, or in whole) by VisitTucson brought in more than \$10M in direct spending in the region.

The Fox event is captured in the shots below. That's Shelli, the producer/writer of *Hot Bath*, me and Pete during the pre-show meet and greet. There was a good enough vibe about how we treated the crew that they're considering doing their sequel here in the region.



Chris Mooney credit on photos

I'm going to keep circling back to this item from time to time as we make progress in both putting together our incentive package, and in landing shows. It's all good for the economy.

One related event that I'm really looking forward to will take place at The Loft early in November. My brother – Pete Kozachik – has worked in the major motion picture industry since leaving Tucson to chase his dream back in the 70's. Since then he has worked in special effects, been Director of Photography and other related production jobs. His resume includes work as DP on *Coraline, The Corpse Bride* and *The Nightmare Before Christmas* (nominated for an Oscar.) He was involved with the Visual Effects on Star Wars Episode II, Ghostbusters 2, Starship Troopers, Star Trek IV, and Robocop 2 and 3.

If this sounds like a little brother who's proud of his older brother – well, it is. And it's also the story of a local kid who made it big and is coming home to share some of what he has learned in the industry that Tucson used to boast and host. Do you remember KZAZ, George Borozan, Gene Adelstein, Carpet Giant ads with the big green giant ('it takes a giant to hold down prices') and Telemundo – that's where he started. More to come on this in the weeks ahead. The details of the event are being put together right now with Peg Johnson, her crew, and Pete.

Women's Equality Day event at the Tucson Women's Commission



Left to right: Imelda Cuyugan (Women's Commission), Rosanna Gabaldon (Arizona House of Representatives), Alison Hughes (Women's Commission), SteveK, Lucy Howell (Women's Commission), Veronica Harvey (Baboquiviri District Chair, Tohono O'odam Nation) – Credit to Chris Mooney

Another group who's active and well established in Tucson and the region is the Tucson Women's Commission. Last weekend I was honored to be invited to speak at their celebration of Women's Equality Day. My focus was on praising the Commission for their support of Project RAISE – another one coming soon.

I was joined at the event by Jessica Floyd, a key staffer for Congressman Ron Barber. She shared that the Congressman is supporting the establishment of a caucus that will tackle important women's issues and be available as a sounding board for Congressional questions. They'll deal with a wide range of women's issues – women's health care, job training for single moms, support groups, child care for moms who work, DV issues, and much more. That's on the Federal level. Much of it will have implications in application at the local level.

During the event we were treated to an historical presentation that showed how the suffrage movement came to be, and how it developed. Dr. Sheila Tobias is a professor at the Univer-



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Senator John McCain (R) 520-670-6334

Senator Jeff Flake (R) 520-575-8633

Congressman
Ron Barber (D)
(2nd District)
520-881-3588

Congressman
Raul Grijalva (D)
(3th District)
520-622-6788

Governor Janice Brewer (R) Governor of Arizona 602-542-4331

Toll free: 1-800-253-0883

State Legislators

Toll Free Telephone: 1-800-352-8404 Internet: www.azleg.gov

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild 791-4201

City Infoguide
http://
cms3.tucsonaz.gov/
infoguide

sity of Arizona. It was her research that we reviewed. As the Virgina Slims cigarette ads used to say, "you've come a long way, baby". And yet, as we continue to fend off unhelpful legislation from Phoenix, we know that there's still work to be done. We can be proud of the work coming from this local chapter of the Commission. They're involved with Domestic Violence, job training, and other programs that meet specific needs in our community. A big thanks are due to the Commission for their work.

A-10's, and Martha McSally



You've all seen these flying over Tucson. Note the dual jet engines. Not all aircraft have that redundancy.

What's the tie-in between those headers, and the Women's Commission? Well for starters, Martha McSally is a part of the local Commission Chapter and during the event last week I spent some time one-on-one with Martha talking about DM and its future. I opened that conversation suggesting that we should be strongly advocating to retain and expand the

A-10 mission out at DM. The Feds just put over \$2.61B into reworking those planes and have announced that they're going to extend the useful life of the aircraft – the date being mentioned is around 2028. I also added that we have an F16 training and deployment mission already at DM. The DOD has recently added over \$1B to extending the life of that aircraft's useful mission. Last year we advocated successfully to keep the Air Operations Center at DM and protected our \$25M investment from moving to Tyndall AFB in Florida. We should renew our advocacy to have the Tyndall operation relocated to Tucson and expand what we already have up and running – no need for the redundant operation in Florida. And we have an under the radar Unmanned system unit at DM that is ripe for expansion – but it is in competition with other regions / North Dakota most specifically.

The point I was making was that we should be joining arm in arm and lobbying to keep and expand the missions we already have – and that DOD has just paid to expand and extend. If the DOD is investing in operations that already exist at DM, instead of fighting over missions that have been sent to Luke in Phoenix, let's get about the lobbying business of trying to keep and expand what we have.

Ms. McSally's response was that we shouldn't put all our eggs in that one basket (the A-10,) and that the A-10 mission is vulnerable.

In the days of sequestration, that could be said of all defense related assets. It also begs the question of upping our game in terms of fighting for all of the operations I mentioned.

Given that response, I found it odd that 3 days after that conversation, she had written an op/ed for the Arizona Daily Star that said we should indeed be out cheerleading for the A-10. Here's a quote from that op/ed:

We must wake up, get engaged and be vigilant. Now is the time for us to unite and get a battle plan to fight for the A-10 and preserve Davis-Monthan as a vital part of our community.

Then, on Saturday last weekend, members of the DM50 wrote a letter to the Star editor that joined McSally in calling for a full court press in support of retention of the A-10. I suspect they'd join me in also supporting the other three operations that we've got investments in / and that are important to the viability of DM.

Sunday's Star continued in the same vein. Retired AF Colonel Robert Brown was quoted as pointing out that 'in close air support, I think it's (the F-35) going to have some serious limitations.' Regarding the A-10, he went on to say that 'if this capability goes away, we'll pay for it in blood.'

I know from my conversation with Ms. McSally that she, as a former A-10 pilot agrees that for close air support of our ground troops, the A-10 is the way to go.

Over the last month I've been in some rather vocal and public discussions about whether the only way to show my support for DM is by supporting the F-35. Here we have two Colonel's from the Air Force and members of the DM50 joining me in suggesting that perhaps a more immediate and winnable posture is to fight for the A-10 and the rest of what makes DM an important strategic military installation.

Contrary to McSally's comment to me about all of our eggs being in the A-10 basket, it sounds to me like I'm the one who has identified four baskets for which to advocate – not simply the F-35 basket, which the DOD has so far decided is better suited for other areas. I welcome the opportunity to join in a community wide showing of support for DM in the four most immediately identifiable missions that the Feds have already invested in, and for which they've already identified Tucson as a viable home base. I think that's building on our assets – not leaving ourselves vulnerable to one mission that may or may not end up here as a regular anchor tenant at the base. This past week seems to have uncovered some consensus on that strategy that previously people were afraid to go public with.

I say to them – welcome to the advocacy I've been promoting for the base.

Pensions / Conflicts of Interest

This won't be a popular position with some of our City staffers – and to make the point up front, it is not at all directed at anybody's qualifications to study and assess the ins/outs of our pension issue. We have very well qualified people who have been looking at the pension issue and have brought us some recommended options for changes. The concern I have is that when a person stands to directly benefit from the policy choices we make, that person should not be involved with putting together the list of options that is brought to us to consider.

We watch the news every night, and read the paper every day. While the stories may be written in ways that objectively present the facts surrounding their topic, somebody decides which stories get covered. That's not a purely objective decision. We see and read what editors decide we should see and read about.

That's the same concern I'm raising with staff and our attorney with respect to the way we're seeing pension reform options. If a person is asked whether an idea is equally good for the City and for individual employees, the answer may or may not be "yes". If the people putting forward those ideas are employees impacted by how we vote, I'm not sure we're

being fair to them to ask that they suspend their interests as workers and bring us everything we should be considering. That's the basic definition of a conflict of interest.

I've got correspondence into the City Attorney, and have cc'd the City Manager and Mayor expressing this concern. I also included the finance people who have been working hard on the pension item just so they know that none of my issue is with the quality of their work, or their qualifications as experts in their respective fields. And yet, it's clear that there are times when they may feel pressures from Council members, or from their peer City workers to steer what we see in one direction or another. This is far too important an issue for us to be levying political pressure on the people who are making up the list of options we should be considering. What I've asked for is a panel of outside experts in the field of municipal pensions to form a list of options for us — and then let us decide based on what that group brings forward. It takes the pressures off from our administrative staff to balance their personal interests vs. those that might be more appropriate for the long term health of our pension system.

More on this to come as I hear back from the legal folks.

Support Greyhound Rescue

On Tuesday, September 17th, from 11am until 9pm, Feast Restaurant will join forces with the Southern Arizona Greyhound Adoption group in a fund raiser to help find homes for greys.



Resist this face, if you can - Or, in the alternative, come on out to



on the 17th and show your support.

You've got to have one of their flyers in order to have 20% of your order donated to the adoption agency. To get a flyer, go to sagreyhoundadoption.org. Get the flyer and hand it to your server and Feast will take care of the donation.

Feast is in the heart of Ward 6. The owner/chef, Doug Levy has won wide acclaim for the product they offer to the public. The New York Times, Food & Wine Magazine, Chicago Tribune, Arizona Daily Star, Phoenix Magazine, Arizona Highways, Tucson Weekly, Desert Leaf...need I say more.

So for a great meal and in support of a great cause, I hope you can find some time on the 17th to drop by and participate. Feast is located at 3719 E. Speedway. Easy to find.

Arizona Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility

Last spring we had a study session item that described an upcoming conference related to the health impacts of climate change. That conference is right around the corner. Here's the schedule:

Friday, Sept. 20

7-8 PM

Unisource Building Conference Room

■ 88 East Broadway in Tucson.

[(Free and open to the public; RSVP here)

Saturday, Sept. 21

7:30 AM until 6:30 PM

Tucson Convention Center

Meeting Rooms

(See registration page)

There are several co-sponsoring community and national organizations that are involved with producing this conference. The goal is to build new, and to strengthen existing cross-cultural, community and inter-governmental partnerships to put together an education effort on the anticipated public health effects of climate change in the Southwest.

Some of those impacts are what we read about all too often when hikers fail to take sufficient water and end up having to be rescued due to dehydration. There are also concerns over newly emerging infectious diseases, asthma and other respiratory illnesses. We could also add in forest fires, severe dust storms (Phoenix has several p/monsoon season) and the impact on changes in the amount and timing of rainfall and seasonal snowmelt. Those can implicate food security issues.

Check out the schedule of events. If you're not able to attend the whole conference, I'm sure you'll see areas that are of particular interest to you that you can register for on a one-off basis.

Himmel Park Lecture Series

Two more events of likely interest will take place this week – one tonight @ 6pm – at the Himmel Park Library

<u>Dr. Albrecht Classen</u> is presenting a lecture on *The History of Jews During the Middle Ages*. He's a distinguished professor of German Studies and is very well qualified to deliver this presentation. He'll discuss the mixed experiences the Jewish people had in the European Middle Ages. Not all were victimized – but the overall experience was largely very painful. He'll give it to you in a balanced and informed way.

Also, on Wednesday of this week, <u>Dr Karen J. Leong</u> will speak on the topic *Japanese American Internment in Arizona*. This presentation is sponsored by the Arizona Humanities Council. It'll tell of the over 30,000 persons of Japanese descent who, during WWII were placed in Arizona internment camps. They'll also describe who were forced to serve as unwilling hosts.

Both of these presentations begin at 6pm. The Himmel Park library is at the NE corner of the park -1035 N. Treat.

More History – Access Tucson Event

Saturday the 14th is the next 2nd Saturday's downtown. On that evening, Access Tucson community media will be selling off some pieces of history. As many of you know, they're co-located with Channel 12 in the former VFW building at 124 E. Broadway. That was the VFW post beginning back in 1948. When the building was renovated into a media center,

many of the original terrazzo tiles were preserved. They're 2'x2' in size and weigh about 80 pounds each. On the 14th, beginning at 6pm, Access will be selling them for only \$20 each. Some of these were on the inside, and some are preserved from having been on the outdoor entryway. If you're a history buff and want to own a piece of our local heritage, Access is giving you that opportunity.

And stick around for the festivities all along Congress and the rest of the downtown core. Last time around we had an estimated 20,000 people take part in the 2^{nd} Saturday events.

Animal Welfare Alliance of Southern Arizona (AWASA)

I'm heartened by the many animal welfare and rescue groups that are now beginning to work together in a cooperative effort to help keep animals out of shelters. I reported in this newsletter a few weeks ago that the Pima Animal Care Center had to euthanize over 7,000 animals last year. The groups joining forces are working to achieve a 90% adoption rate. One of those groups is the alliance AWASA. Right now, the County contracts with them to administer a program that I'm hopeful the M&C will support with the diversion of a portion of our animal license fees. I'll chat up the program with a couple of council members ahead of next week's meeting, but due to open meetings, I can't go around polling.

AWASA has established agreements with several veterinarians around Tucson to do spay/neuter services. Per their contract with AWASA, these are the services offered:

- * The County reimburses AWASA on a fee for service basis upon receipt of an invoice with proof of services provided.
- * The County provides AWASA \$50,000 at the beginning of each contract period to facilitate spay/neuters. The up-front money serves as a sort of retainer.
- * AWASA allocates a certain number of surgeries to each participating veterinarian so they know how many appointments they can take each month. There are more requests than there is funding to provide.
- * A pet owner simply contacts one of the participating veterinarians for an appointment to access the service. The appointments are filled on first come/first served. They do it one animal per visit. If a person has more than one animal, they can still take advantage of the service by making a second appointment for the other animal.

Beginning this week, the County is going to ask for a \$10 co-pay for the services. There's an exemption for anybody who can show that they're receiving any sort of government assistance. The goal is to reduce the number of unwanted animals through engaging the community in an effective spay/neuter program that literally everybody can afford. What I'll be asking is for M&C to authorize a portion of our license fees to be earmarked to the AWASA work being administered through the County.

This will more than pay for itself financially by reducing the costs associated with operating PACC. We already fund that, and each year we have to write another check to fill in for services provided beyond the level of funding we set up at the start of the fiscal year. More importantly, if we get involved, the number of animals killed at the shelters will be reduced

I think this is a big deal, and an easy call. We'll see next week, though.

Parking Meters – Parkwise Changes Coming

It'll come as no surprise that we've got multiple new student housing projects up and running this semester, primarily between the UA campus and downtown. We're also seeing more and more private sector growth in and around the downtown core, both in the form of retail and some market rate housing. And one of these days, we'll see the streetcar rolling the corridor from the UA over to the west side of downtown.

Each of those changes is putting a strain on parking, both along the corridor, and in the neighborhoods that are near to the new development. It's good news/bad news. The good news is the economic value in the new projects. The bad news is that we've got to quickly, and proactively get our arms around the way we'll manage both on-street parking, and the use of garages and surface lots.

In the past couple of weeks, I've met with various concerned groups and Parkwise to get input as to how the groups view the developing needs for parking. There are issues related to loss of on-street parking along 4th Avenue, questions related to parking in alleys that are behind retail shops, where to put parking meters, how to preserve on-street parking in surrounding neighborhoods, how to incentivize the use of garages, and the process of identifying a new site for a parking garage and putting in place funding sources to start building it. What we can't do is to tackle this good problem by looking at a solution one street at a time. We need an overall, forward looking plan.

To that end, Donovan Durband – the PW chief – is meeting with interested stake holders to get their input and see how it can be worked into the overall plan that's emerging. If you've got issues you'd like included in that mix, please feel free to contact us at the Ward 6 office and we'll be happy to engage you on the topic. If necessary, we'll help to facilitate a meeting with the PW folks.

One item that I learned when participating in one such recent meeting is that, even though it takes 75% of property owners on a given street to approve starting a residential parking program in their neighborhood, residents are not required to participate. It's all opt-into the program. That's causing a loss of revenue by PW, and somewhat of a free-ride effect for those in a neighborhood who voted to adopt the parking permit plan, but who aren't paying to get involved beyond that. It's an issue that I've asked PW to look at, get feedback from property owners and to include some mention of that research effort when they come back to us later this fall.

March on Washington

Finally, last week we celebrated as a Nation the 50th anniversary of the civil rights march on Washington D.C. When thinking of Dr. King, most people think of the "I have a dream" speech that Dr. Martin Luther King delivered that day. There's another one that I like, and that gets much less acclaim.



Six months before his assassination, he spoke to a group of Jr. High kids in Philly. Here's the text of a part of what he said to the kids. I share it as another example of the inspiration that he was — in this case, challenging us all to be the best at whatever we're doing, and generally setting aside the status that society places on rank. Here's the Street Sweeper speech:

And when you discover what you will be in your life, set out to do it as if God Almighty called you at this particular moment in history to do it. Don't just set out to do a good job. Set out to do such a good job that the living, the dead or the unborn couldn't do it any better.

If it falls your lot to be a street sweeper, sweep streets like Michelangelo painted pictures, sweep streets like Beethoven composed music, sweep streets like Leontyne Price sings before the Metropolitan Opera. Sweep streets like Shakespeare wrote poetry. Sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will have to pause and say: Here lived a great street sweeper who swept his job well. If you can't be a pine at the top of the hill, be a shrub in the valley. But be the best little shrub on the side of the hill.

Be a bush if you can't be a tree. If you can't be a highway, just be a trail. If you can't be a sun, be a star. For it isn't by size that you win or fail. Be the best of whatever you are.

Sincerely,

Steve Kozachik Council Member, Ward 6 ward6@tucsonaz.gov

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Arts and Entertainment Events Calendar

This week and next week at the arts and entertainment venues in the Downtown, 4th Avenue, and Main Gate areas...

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.

Friday September 6, 7:00 PM Kathleen Madigan: Comedy Gold.

www.RialtoTheatre.com

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.

Wednesday, September 4, 2013, 7:30 pm Don Williams

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Loft Cinema 3233 E. Speedway

Tuesday, September 3, at 8:00pm **Behind the Screens:** Improv Comedy troupe Slow Clap brings you an improvised talk show titled Behind the Screens.

Wednesday, September 4 at 7:00pm. **Rewind This!** Featuring a hilarious pre-show program of video mash-ups. Co-presented by Casa Video.

www.loftcinema.com/

Ongoing

Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott Ave.

"The Importance Of Being Earnest"

Written by Oscar Wilde, Directed by Stephen Wrentmore

September 14 – October 5, 2013

www.arizonatheatre.org

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N. Main Ave.

Ongoing exhibition:

"Desert Grasslands," and "Art + The Machine"

www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S. 6th Ave.

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

Jewish History Museum, 564 S. Stone Ave.

Open Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1:00-5:00 and Friday, Noon to 3:00pm

Special hours for school and group tours, for more information call 670-9073

www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Meet Me at Maynards

A social walk/run through the Downtown area

Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!

Maynards Market and Kitchen, 400 N. Toole Avenue, the historic train depot

Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

Tucson Farmers' Market at Maynards

Saturdays 9:00am – 1:00pm

On the plaza at Maynards Market & Kitchen, 400 N Toole in the Historic Train Depot

Santa Cruz Farmers' Market Mercado San Agustin, 100 S. Avenida del Convento

Thursdays, 4:00 - 7:00pm.

<u>Arizona State Museum – Woven Wonders</u> (beginning April 28)

The Arizona State Museum is debuting a sample of 500 pieces from the world's largest collection of Southwest American Indian basketry (over 25,000 pieces). Visit www.statemuseum.arizona.edu for more information.

UA Mineral Museum - Ongoing

"100 Years of Arizona's Best: The Minerals that Made the State"

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum

414 N Toole Ave.

Tuesday - Thursday, Sunday: 1100am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm

http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org/

For other events in the Downtown/4th Avenue/Main Gate area, visit these sites:

www.MainGateSquare.com

www.FourthAvenue.org

www.DowntownTucson.org